* Exemption from Royalty on Sand during construction of the refinery.

* Exemption from payment of electricity duty in respect of power to be generated in the captive power plant for a period of 5 years.

Supply of gas to RGTP

61. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gas presently available at Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Project (RGTP);

(b) how much additional quantity of gas would still be required to run the plant at full capacity;

(c) the agency to supply additional gas for this project; and

(d) by when gas will be made available to run both gas turbines at full load?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The average gas drawal by Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Station (RGTPS) in 2007-08 (upto December 2008) was around 0.69 Million Standard Cubic Metres Per Day (MMSCMD).

(b) Additional gas requirement for operation of Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Project at 95% Plant Load Factor (PLF) and taking Gross Calorific Value (GVC) of gas as 4150 Kilo caiories (Kcal)/Standard Cubic Metre (SCM) and station heat rate 2000 Kcal/Kilo Watt Hours (KWH), will be around 0.50 MMSCMD.

(c) and (d) Oil India Limited (OIL) is expecting an additional gas availability of 0.2 MMSCMD from its Dandewala gas field by 2007-08. Additional facility needs to be created for this additional quantity. Negotiations for commercial arrangements for the additional gas are underway between Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL), OIL and GAIL (India) Limited.

Supply of cooking gas in the capital

62. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supplies of LPG cooking gas refills in the capital has not improved,

(b) whether it is also a fact that LPG supply takes atleast 3-4 week in the capital causing lot of hardship to consumers; and

(c) if so, what action Government proposes to take to improve the LPG refills in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country, including the Capital and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered